set up of events or incidents for application of censorships;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for such discrimination;

(e) whether Government propose to amend the provisions of cinematograph Act and Press Censorship Act to keep at par the news covered by video news magazines and other news magazines;

(f) if so, in what manner and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All films intended for public exhibition in India are required to be certified by the Central Board of Film Certification. "Film" includes a video film. Therefore, video films including video newsmagazines meant for public exhibition have to be presented to the Board for Certification.

(c) and (d) The medium of cinema, both celluloid and video, is different from the print medium in their impact and reach. There is, therefore, pre-censorship for film medium including video newsmagazines. The newsmagazines produced by the Films Division of the Central Government and newsreals put out by the various State Governments are also certified by the Central Board of Film Certification.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal to amend the Cinematograph Act, 1952 with reference to this. There is no such Central Act as Press Censorship Act.

Plan for plantation of fruit bearing trees on the National Highways

280. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the National Highways are without shade giving trees on both the sides resulting thereby an inconvenience to the pedestrians during summer seasons;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have discontinued plantation of shade giving and fruit bearing trees on the both sides of National Highways;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to plant shade giving and fruit bearing trees on both sides of National Highways; and

(f) if so, by what time the plantation would take place?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Plantation of trees including fruit bearing and shade giving trees along National Highways is a continuing process and it is being done in a phased manner every year. A sum of Rs. 10.00 crores was provided for this purpose during 1989-90 and similar amount has been earmarked this year.

Amount of Advertisement Revenue earned by Doordarshan from serials like Mahabharat etc.

281. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Advertisement Revenue earned by Doordarshan from serials (i) Mahabharat (ii) Ramayan (iii) Buniyad (iv) Hum Log

(v) Tamas (vi) Mirza Ghalib and (vii) Uttar Ramayan separately?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): The gross advertisement revenue earned by Doordarshan from the telecast of each of the following serials is as under:—

Name of the Serial	Amount of revenue earned
Mahabharat	Rs. 5742.00 lakhs
Ramayan	Rs. 2440.00 lakhs
Buniyad	Rs. 887.40 lakhs
Tamas	Rs. 13.60 lakhs
Mirza Ghalib	Rs. 103.25 lakhs
Uttar Ramayan	Rs. 733.00 lakhs

Similar information in respect of the serial 'Hum Log' is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Better delivery of letters by post

282. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are likely to be taken by Government to ensure better delivery of letters;

(b) whether Government are aware that the general public is concerned about non-delivery of letters, as also late and tardy service;

(c) what are the measures being taken to improve the service and increase the credibility of postal services;

(d) whether it is a fact that even registered letters are not promptly and properly delivered; and

(e) if so, what steps are likely to be taken by Government to assure the public of better and honest service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e) There have been occasional instances of delay/non delivery of mails and registered articles. The following steps are taken to avoid such instances:

(i) The matter is immediately enquired into.

(ii) Deficiencies noticed are immediately corrected.

(iii) Collection, sorting and transmission of mails including the registered articles are constantly under review.

(iv) Surprise visits/checks are undertaken by the Supervising Officer.

(v) Better, proper and strict supervision is also ensured.

Private courier services becoming very popular due to inefficiency of postal department

283. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the private courier services are becoming very popular due to inefficiency of postal department where dak is not delivered in time and there are instances of postmen destroying letters; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to streamline the department and increase efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Government is aware of the existence of private courier services in the country. But the growth of the private couriers is not just due to the alleged inefficiency of